

JOURNAL? I cannot understand the nurses' apathy, particularly when we have seen so many of our registration bills juggled with, repeatedly. But I trust that each year will bring more light to them in this respect, for we are going to have the suffrage, some day, and not by migrating to Colorado, either.

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#### RECOGNITION OF THE WORK OF SOUTHERN NURSES

DEAR EDITOR: The "Experience as a Red Cross Nurse," written by Miss Beadle for the September JOURNAL, reads very well for the Red Cross nurse, but nothing is said of the noble work done by the physicians of Hattiesburg, volunteer nurses from the Kings' Daughters and the six professional nurses from New Orleans, who went to the relief of the storm victims and who cared for the sufferers during their most critical moments. In justice to them please allow me to make a little statement. The storm at Purvis, Mississippi, a small place eighteen miles distant from Hattiesburg, occurred on the afternoon of April 24. The citizens of Hattiesburg immediately went to the rescue and all victims rendered homeless or injured were brought back to the city of Hattiesburg. A call soon went in to New Orleans for six nurses, of whom I was one. The worst cases were sent to the South Mississippi Infirmary, at which place we six nurses were stationed. There we found we had plenty to do, although the patients were all very good and bore their afflictions with remarkable fortitude. All patients were convalescing at the time the Red Cross began its work.

This article is not intended as a reflection on the Red Cross work but Miss Beadle failed to state that almost two weeks transpired before a Red Cross nurse was seen in Hattiesburg, and during that length of time New Orleans nurses and Hattiesburg nurses cared for the victims and did good work.

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#### CARE OF THE FEET

DEAR EDITOR: I am very much interested in the letters on the care of the feet and wish to add a few suggestions. I am often reminded of a remark made by an orthopedic surgeon: "If people abused their faces as they do their feet, what awful looking people they would be." Since taking up chiropody I am surprised to find how intelligent people abuse their feet. Felix Wagner, who has written the best book on chiropody, says: "Most people think any one can cut a corn, when, as a matter of fact, no one can do it for himself properly." A few

suggestions to nurses are: Scrub the feet with a soft brush and ivory soap, three times a week. Rub with both hands while the lather is on, rinse until all soap is removed, dry thoroughly, and rub with lanolin, at night. In the morning, dust with boracic acid powder, and use a fresh pair of seamless stockings every day. I make a strong point of seamless stockings as callosities are formed on the sole of the foot from seams in stockings. The shoe should be broad enough in the toe so that the great toe is perfectly straight and all toes can spread when the person steps forward. There should be no pressure on the little toe, the ankle and instep should be held firm, and the heel should suit the arch of the foot, with extension soles and laced shoes. Consult a good clean chiropodist as often as the toe nails and other foot troubles need attention. A nurse who suffered very much with her feet during training told me she always went to a chiropodist before going to an obstetrical case—and forgot all about her feet while with the patient. She much preferred to spend her money for chiropody rather than for *fudges*.

Hoping you will not think I am advertising *my job*,

Sincerely yours,

SPINSTER,  
Class 1883.

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#### A PROBLEM

DEAR EDITOR: Will you allow me to state an experience that I had last August, and ask the opinion and advice of my sister nurses?

I was taken a distance of thirty-eight miles, by a physician, to a case of pneumonia. The family did not know the doctor was slightly intoxicated, or that he was to bring a nurse, until we arrived, which was about midnight. They did not want a nurse, and the physician said I should stay. I felt it my duty to obey orders, which I did, but the family did not see it that way, and I was placed in an uncomfortable position for five days, when the patient recovered sufficiently for me to leave.

I would like to hear, through the JOURNAL, from some of the nurses who have had similar experiences, and what they would have done under like circumstances.

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#### INFORMATION DESIRED

DEAR EDITOR: I should like to hear how the state associations regulate the standard for the training schools and how the membership